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THE CHAOS WARS[2]!

THREE WEEKS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE DESTRUCTION OF SHOGUN SANCTUARY BY THE MYSTERIOUS ALIEN FORCE... THREE WEEKS OF PAIN, RESENTMENT AND PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES FOR CALIFORNIA-BASED SHOGUN OPERATORS, RICHARD CARSON AND GENJI ODASHU.
OCEANOGRAPHER ILONGO SAVAGE HAS, SO FAR, HAD FEWER PROBLEMS, BUT HE IS AS ANGRY AS THE OTHERS... AND HE FEELS JUST AS HELPLESS.
NOW AS HE PILOTS HIS SHOGUN WARRIOR, DANGARD ACE TOWARDS HIS NEW HOME OFF THE COAST OF MADAGASCAR...
WE'VE FINALLY GOTTEN THE UNDERWATER GROTTO CLEARED OUT, DANGARD. NOW LET'S TO SEE HOW YOU TAKE TO YOUR NEW "HOME"...!
MAN, I'M TALKING TO THIS PIECE OF MACHINERY LIKE IT UNDERSTANDS ME. I MUST BE LOOSING MY--!
WAIT-- WHAT'S THAT SHIP DOING UP THERE?

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"IT'S A WHALER, THAT'S FOR CERTAIN...
"A 'FLOATING FACTORY'--PROBABLY RUSSIAN OR JAPANESE--AND IN THE WRONG WATERS, FAR BEYOND ANY PERMISSIBLE WHALING REGIONS!"

ABOARD THE SOVIET "FACTORY SHIP..."
<RADAR SHOWS A HERD OF YOUNG WHALES DIRECTLY BELOW, CAPTAIN--BUT SOMETHING ELSE IS DOWN THERE, SOMETHING HUGE--AND IT'S SURFACING FAST!>
<SO-- I WAS RIGHT. THE LARGER WHALES HAVE SOUGHT SANCTUARY HERE IN WARMER WATERS...>
<PREPARE THE HARPOON-GUNS--WE HAVE A GIANT ON THE SCREEN.>
INSIDE THE "GIANT"...
THEY'RE CUTTING THEIR ENGINES--
--PROBABLY HOPING TO TAKE THE GRANDDADDY OF ALL WHALES...
BUT THIS IS ONE LEVIATHAN WHO CAN FIGHT BACK!
DANGARD'S HUGE FINGER GENTLY TAPS THE WHALING VESSEL'S HULL. THEN...
SKUNCH!
SCORE ONE FOR THE UNDERDOG!

<A BREACH IN THE HULL! TURN FOR NEAREST LAND!>
<BUT WE CANNOT! IT WOULD BE PROOF THAT WE HAVE VIOLATED THE TERRITORIAL TREATY!>
<WOULD YOU RATHER SINK, FOOL?! TURN FOR LAND!!>
NOW MAKE ROOM, FRIENDS--DANGARD ACE IS COMING THROUGH...

WE WEREN'T MUCH GOOD AGAINST THE ALIEN FORCE, DANGARD...
...BUT UP AGAINST SOMETHING OUR OWN SIZE...WE'RE NOT HALF BAD!

...AND IF YOU PROMISE NOT TO TELL ANYONE, FELLAS, I'LL LET YOU IN ON A SECRET...
...EVEN IF THAT SHIP WERE IN PERMISSIBLE WHALING WATERS, I'D HAVE POKED 'EM ANYWAY!
AH--HERE WE ARE, DANGARD--HOME, SWEET HOME!
ELSEWHERE...
DRONE-X--BRING THE STOLEN SHOGUN PENDANTS INTO MY PRESENCE!
WISH WE HADN'T LOST OUR PENDANT COMMUNICATORS--BE NICE TO SHARE THIS SCENE WITH CARSON AND GENJI...
I ONLY WISH I COULD...BUT OUR PENDANTS WERE TAKEN BY THE MEN-IN-BLACK ROBOTS AND WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT THE "ALIEN FORCE" THAT ANIMATES THEM IS, OR WHEN IT'LL STRIKE NEXT...
WITH DANGARD SAFELY STORED IN HIS NEW GROTTO HOUSING, SAVAGE PREPARES TO RETURN TO HIS OCEANOGRAPHY RESEARCH CENTER...
AT LEAST YOU'LL BE SAFE HERE, DANGARD. NO ONE CAN FIND THIS PLACE!
WRONG!
EH--? WHO SAID THAT?!
JUST ME, ILONGO.
JUDITH--! BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? HOW DID YOU FIND THIS PLACE--?
THINGS WERE SLOW AT THE CENTER, SO I DECIDED TO FOLLOW YOU IN THE MINI-SUB.
CONGRATULATIONS ON "HARPOONING" THAT WHALER!

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YOU KNOW I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU, JUDITH, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE FOLLOWED ME HERE. ANY ASSOCIATION WITH THE SHOGUN WARRIORS CAN LEAD TO DANGER. THE LESS YOU KNOW, THE BETTER...
IT'S TOO LATE NOW, ILONGO. MY DESTINY IS YOURS--GOOD OR BAD. AND I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY.
YOUR FIRST TARGET, DRONES, WILL BE THE SHOGUN WARRIOR CALLED DANGARD ACE.
YOU'VE EVEN CARVED STEPS DOWN HERE, ILONGO--I WONDERED WHY YOU'VE BEEN AWAY FROM THE CENTER SO MUCH LATELY!
DANGARD DID THE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION WORK, JUDITH. I JUST WORKED THE CONTROLS.
WITH SANCTUARY DESTROYED, WE'VE HAD TO ARRANGE OUR OWN STORAGE PLACES FOR THE SHOGUN ROBOTS. GENJI'S GOT COMBATRA IN AN ABANDONED BUILDING IN SAN FRANCISCO. I DON'T KNOW WHAT CARSON'S PLANNING.
SELECT THE PENDANT WORN BY THE TERRAN CALLED ILONGO SAVAGE --AND PLACE IT IN THE AURA-DETECTOR!
DRONE-X OBEYS, PRIMAL ONE.
SUCH A PEACEFUL NIGHT, JUDITH-- HARD TO BELIEVE ANYTHING COULD THREATEN IT.
HARD TO BELIEVE ANY-ONE COULD WISH ME HARM...
THE DETECTOR HAS IDENTIFIED AND AS-SIMILATED THE AURA OF THE PENDANT'S WEARER, PRIMAL ONE--
"--AND IS NOW MATCHING AND TRACING THAT AURA TO THE WEARER'S PRESENT LOCATION.
"THERE--THE TERRAN ILONGO SAVAGE IS PINPOINTED OFF THE AFRICAN COAST ON THE EASTERN SHORE OF THE ISLAND CALLED MADAGASCAR.
EXCELLENT, DRONE-X. YOU WILL LEAD YOUR CREW--NOW--ON A MISSION TO CAPTURE THE SHOGUN WARRIOR DAN-GARD ACE.
FAILING THAT, YOU WILL DESTROY THE ROBOT-- AND, IF NECESSARY, ILONGO SAVAGE, AS WELL.
YOU MENTIONED HARM, ILONGO--BUT I THOUGHT THIS "ALIEN FORCE" SIMPLY WANTED TO STOP EARTH'S INCURSION INTO SPACE.
YES--IT CLAIMS OUR PEOPLE ARE NOT YET READY FOR SPACE, THOUGH OUR SCIENCE IS...AND IT PLANS TO STRIP EARTH OF ITS ADVANCED TECH-NOLOGY...BEGINNING WITH THE SHOGUNS.

"IT WARNED US THAT IF WE RESIST, WE WILL BE DESTROYED. AND WE MUST RESIST. WE OWE IT TO THE MEMORY OF DR. TAMBURA AND THE FOLLOWERS OF LIGHT TO-"
ILONGO--LOOK! WHAT'S THAT?!
I...I DON'T KNOW...!
IT'S HUGE-- BLOTTING OUT THE ENTIRE MOON--!
AND THEN, IN A BLINDING DAZZLE OF LIGHT--
JUDITH--GET BACK!
WE COME FOR THE SHOGUN WARRIOR, DAIMARD ACE.
SURRENDER IT AT ONCE, ILONGO SAVAGE-- OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES.
IT'S THE SAME "VOICE" THE "ALIEN FORCE" USED--!
INTO THE GROTTO, JUDITH--AND HURRY!!
ILONGO, IF IT ONLY WANTS THE ROBOT, PERHAPS YOU SHOULD--
ZHEOR
NEVER, JUDITH!
THE FOLLOWERS GAVE US THE SHOGUNS...AND WE'LL NEVER SURRENDER THEM TO THE "ALIEN FORCE," NO MATTER HOW BENEVOLENT IT CLAIMS TO BE!
AFTER ALL, IT MURDERED THE FOLLOWERS--AND IT WON'T HESITATE TO MURDER ME OR YOU OR ANYONE WHO STANDS IN ITS WAY.
WE HAVE TO STOP THEM--

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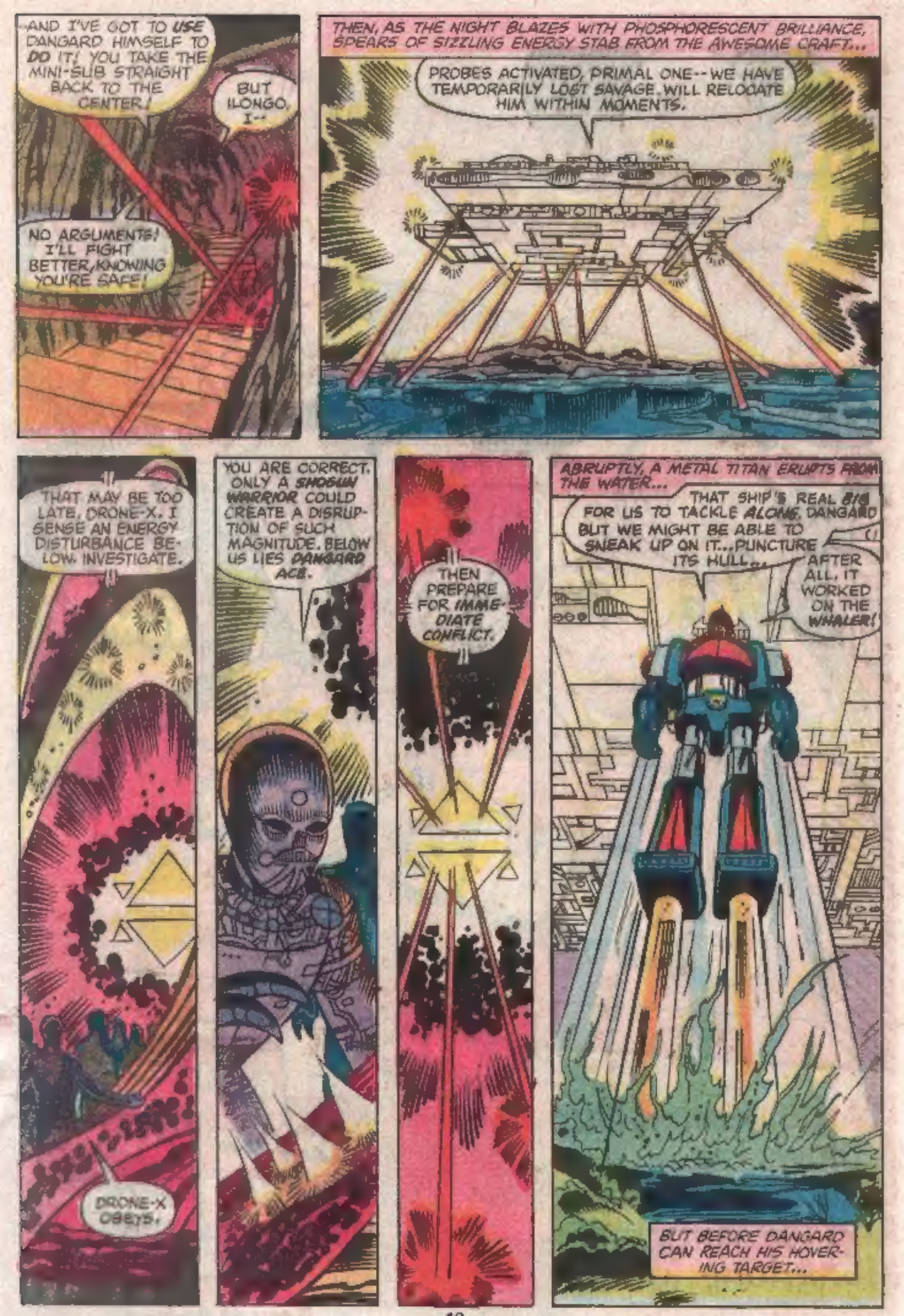
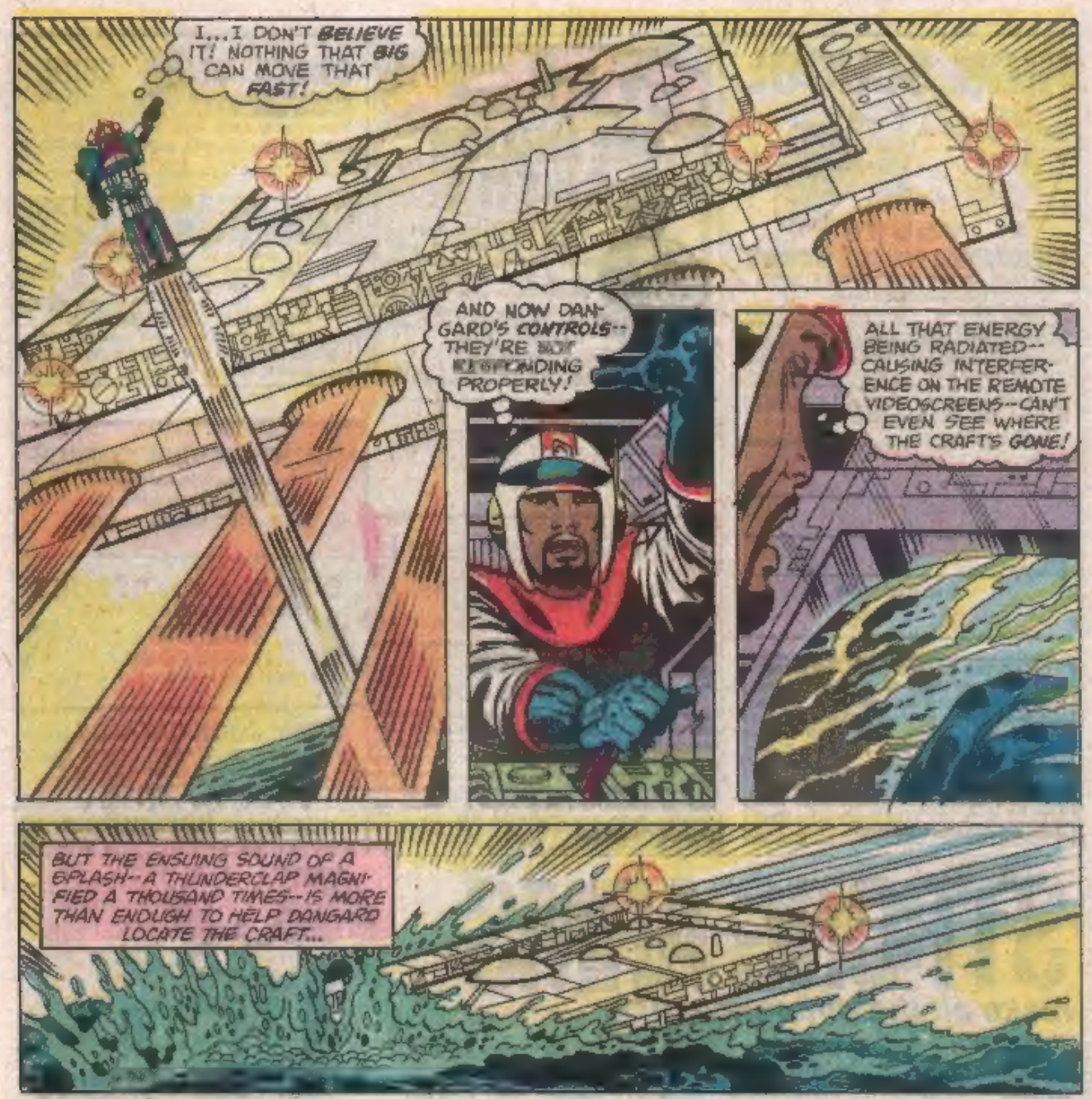
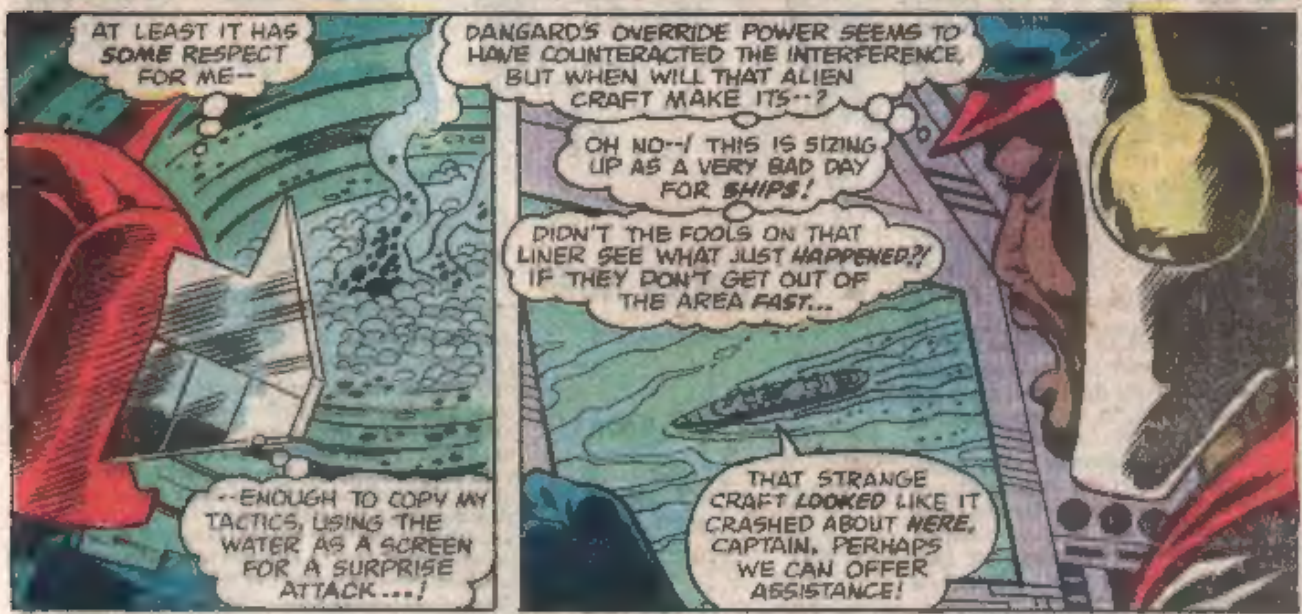

...AND I'VE GOT TO USE DANGARD HIMSELF TO DO IT! YOU TAKE THE MINI-SUB STRAIGHT BACK TO THE CENTER!
BUT ILONGO, I--
NO ARGUMENTS! I'LL FIGHT BETTER, KNOWING YOU'RE SAFE!
THEN, AS THE NIGHT BLAZES WITH PHOSPHORESCENT BRILLIANCE, SPEARS OF SIZZLING ENERGY STAB FROM THE AWESOME CRAFT...
PROBES ACTIVATED, PRIMAL ONE--WE HAVE TEMPORARILY LOST SAVAGE. WILL RELOCATE HIM WITHIN MOMENTS.
THAT MAY BE TOO LATE, DRONE-X. I SENSE AN ENERGY DISTURBANCE BELOW. INVESTIGATE.
DRONE-X OBEYS.
YOU ARE CORRECT. ONLY A SHOGUN WARRIOR COULD CREATE A DISRUPTION OF SUCH MAGNITUDE. BELOW US LIES DANGARD ACE.
THEN PREPARE FOR IMMEDIATE CONFLICT.
ABRUPTLY, A METAL TITAN ERUPTS FROM THE WATER...
THAT SHIP'S REAL BIG FOR US TO TACKLE ALONE, DANGARD
BUT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SNEAK UP ON IT...PUNCTURE ITS HULL...
AFTER ALL, IT WORKED ON THE WHALER!
BUT BEFORE DANGARD CAN REACH HIS HOVERING TARGET...


I...I DON'T BELIEVE IT! NOTHING THAT BIG CAN MOVE THAT FAST!
AND NOW DANGARD'S CONTROLS--THEY'RE NOT RESPONDING PROPERLY!
ALL THAT ENERGY BEING RADIATED--CAUSING INTERFERENCE ON THE REMOTE VIDEOSCREENS--CAN'T EVEN SEE WHERE THE CRAFT'S GONE!

BUT THE ENSUING SOUND OF A SPLASH--A THUNDERCLAP MAGNIFIED A THOUSAND TIMES--IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO HELP DANGARD LOCATE THE CRAFT...


AT LEAST IT HAS SOME RESPECT FOR ME--
--ENOUGH TO COPY MY TACTICS, USING THE WATER AS A SCREEN FOR A SURPRISE ATTACK...!
DANGARD'S OVERRIDE POWER SEEMS TO HAVE COUNTERACTED THE INTERFERENCE, BUT WHEN WILL THAT ALIEN CRAFT MAKE ITS--?
OH NO--! THIS IS SIZING UP AS A VERY BAD DAY FOR SHIPS!
DIDN'T THE FOOLS ON THAT LINER SEE WHAT JUST HAPPENED?! IF THEY DON'T GET OUT OF THE AREA FAST...
THAT STRANGE CRAFT LOOKED LIKE IT CRASHED ABOUT HERE, CAPTAIN. PERHAPS WE CAN OFFER ASSISTANCE!

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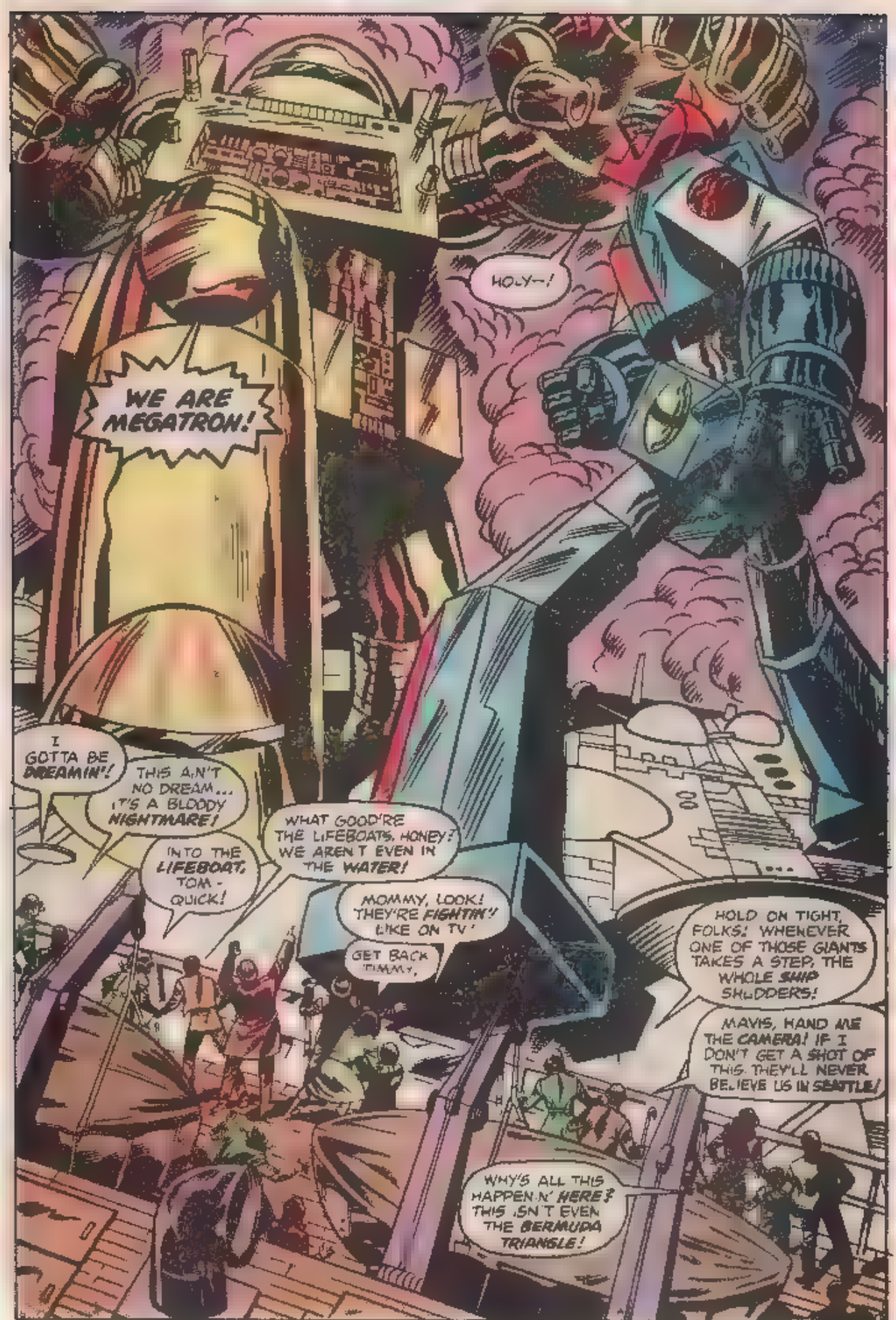
THEN, IN ONE STARK MOMENT OF CATACLYSM, SAVAGE'S WORST FEARS ARE REALIZED...
THE SHIP! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
LOOK OUT... WE'RE CAPSIZING!
THE LIFEBOATS! WHERE ARE THE LIFE-BOATS?!
JIMMY... SON, WHERE ARE YOU?
THE SHIP... IT'S FLYING THROUGH THE AIR!
TALK ABOUT HUMANS NOT HAVING ENOUGH MORALITY OR EMOTIONAL MATURITY--!
THAT "ALIEN FORCE" COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT THE LINER STRANDED ON ITS BACK!
ALL THOSE PEOPLE ABOARD-- THEY MUST FEEL LIKE THEY'VE JUST SAILED INTO A NIGHT-MARE! GOT TO GET THEM OFF THE CRAFT BEFORE--!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
NO! I WAS WRONG! THEY TRAPPED THOSE PEOPLE DELIB-ERATELY-- TO LURE ME WITH-IN RANGE!
UHN! AND THEY SUCCEEDED! TOOK A DIRECT HIT!
SO MUCH FOR THIS RESCUE OPERATION--!

WHAM
WATCH OUT! THAT GIANT ROBOT'S FALLING...
...AND THE SHOCK WAVES FROM ITS LANDING'LL KNOCK US OFF THE DECK!
GET THE KIDS TO THE STATEROOM--LOCK THEM INSIDE!
NO! IF THE SHIP GOES DOWN, THEY'LL BE TRAPPED!
THIS COULDN'T BE WORSE! HOW CAN I HELP THOSE LINER PASSENGERS--WHEN I NEED HELP MYSELF?
DARN! WITHOUT THE PENDANTS, ALL I CAN DO IS SEND A MESSAGE TO THE OTHER SHOGUNS--AND HOPE CARSON OR GENJI IS INSIDE TO RECEIVE IT!
KLEK
THIS IS SAVAGE--CALLING CARSON OR GENJI!
HALF WAY 'ROUND THE WORLD, THE SHOGUN RAYDEEN WAITS OUTSIDE THE CALIFORNIA HOME OF RICHARD CARSON...
COME IN, CARSON! COME IN, GENJI!
BUT RAYDEEN REMAINS SILENT AND UNMOVING. FOR BOTH CARSON AND GENJI ARE--
--IN THE HOUSE...
WE'VE BEEN AT THIS SINCE DAWN, RICHARD, AND I'M STILL NOT SURE WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR!
WELL, A MAN-IN-BLACK ROBOT LIKE THIS ONE STOLE OUR PENDANTS, GENJI.
SO YOU HOPE THIS ROBOT MIGHT HAVE A SIMILAR DEVICE THAT WILL LEAD US TO THAT "FORCE"?
YEAH--BUT THE TRUTH IS, I PROBABLY WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE IT IF I SAW IT!
*SHOGUN WARRIORS #16--LOUISE.
AND THE "ALIEN FORCE" USED THEIR AUTOMATIC HOMING DEVICES TO LOCATE AND DESTROY SHOGUN SANCTUARY, SO...
NEVERTHELESS, WE'VE GOT TO STAY HERE AND KEEP TRYING.
CARSON! GENJI! THIS IS SAVAGE... I NEED HELP!

COME IN I NEED HELP!
--AND INSIDE RAYDEEN'S COMMAND COCKPIT THE COMMUNICATIONS SCREEN PLAYS TO AN AUDIENCE OF NONE.
ALL RIGHT RICHARD, WE'LL KEEP TRYING-- BUT CAN WE DO IT LATER? I KNOW THE SHOGUN'S CIRCUITRY-- BUT THIS ALIEN HARDWARE BAFFLES ME COMPLETELY!
I'M HIP, GENJI-- THE ONLY OTHER ROBOTS I'VE SEEN WERE AT THE FILM STUDIOS' SPECIAL EFFECTS SHOPS--AND THIS IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT. BEATIN' MY HEAD AGAINST A PROBLEM WE CAN'T SOLVE IS GIV.N' ME A PAIN, TOO!
THEN LET'S TRY SOLVING ANOTHER PROBLEM. REMEMBER ENRIQUE VELEZ-?*
THAT'S RIGHT--THE KID WHO TRIPPED COMBATRA'S SHIMMER-TUBE!
*LAST ISSUE.- LOUISE.
--AND WAS ACCIDENTLY PULLED INSIDE! WE'VE GOTTA PREVENT THAT HAPPENING AGAIN! LET'S GO CHECK RAYDEEN AND TRY TO DEACTIVATE HIS SHIMMER-TUBE!
MEANWHILE, THE VAST DECK UNDER DANGARD'S FEET HUMS OMINOUSLY AND...
UH OH! LOOKS LIKE THESE GOONS HAVE SOMETHING ELSE UP THEIR SLEEVES--
HMMMMMMM
...BUT MAYBE IF I ACT FAST I CAN GET THAT LINER AWAY FROM HERE BEFORE...
BUT INSIDE THE ALIEN CRAFT...
DRONE-X AND HIS CREW ARE ABOARD MEGATRON. OPEN THE PORTAL
WE OBEY PRIMAL ONE!
AND
UH OH. TOO LATE-- CAN'T LEAVE NOW!
DRONE-X AND CREW REPORTING! MEGATRON IS READY FOR ACTION!
MEGATRON?! WHAT'S THAT?


HOLY—!
WE ARE MEGATRON!
I GOTTA BE DREAMIN'!
THIS AIN'T NO DREAM... IT'S A BLOODY NIGHTMARE!
INTO THE LIFEBOAT, TOM - QUICK!
WHAT GOOD'RE THE LIFEBOATS, HONEY? WE AREN'T EVEN IN THE WATER!
MOMMY, LOOK! THEY'RE FIGHTIN'! LIKE ON TV!
GET BACK TIMMY,
HOLD ON TIGHT, FOLKS! WHENEVER ONE OF THOSE GIANTS TAKES A STEP, THE WHOLE SHIP SHUDDERS!
MAVIS, HAND ME THE CAMERA! IF I DON'T GET A SHOT OF THIS THEY'LL NEVER BELIEVE US IN SEATTLE!
WHY'S ALL THIS HAPPENIN' HERE? THIS ISN'T EVEN THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE!

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ATTACK MEGATRON! DESTROY DANGARD ACE!
MEGATRON OBEYS
KRAMM
N-NEVER... FELT A BLOW SO... POWERFUL!
A FEW MORE HITS LIKE THAT AND DANGARD'S FORCE SHIELDS WILL SIMPLY GIVE OUT...
AND THOSE SPOTLIGHTS .. SHINING INTO MY VIEW SCREEN BLINDING ME
NEED HELP BAD!
THIS IS SAVAGE-- CALLING CARSON OR GENJI!
COME IN, PLEASE - PLEASE!
WHILE HALF WAY ROUND THE WORLD..
I'LL TAKE THE SHIMMER-TUBE UP TO RAYDEEN'S COCKPIT AND START FIDDLING WITH THE CONTROLS
YOU STAY HERE GENJI, AND TELL ME IF THERE'S ANY CHANGE IN THE SHIMMER TUBE.
BUT AS SOON AS JARSON ARRIVES IN THE COCKPIT...
NEED YOUR HELP-- FAST! THE "ALIEN FORCE" IS ATTACKING ME!
WHAT THE -? SAVAGE!
CHANGE OF PLANS GENJI - I'VE GOTTA SPLIT FAST! SAVAGE IS IN TROUBLE!
WAIT RICHARD! MAYBE I CAN-
BUT HER INJECTIONS ARE LOST IN A ROAR OF THUNDER--

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--AS RAYDEEN DEPARTS!
NO TIME TO EXPLAIN GEN! I'VE NEVER SEEN SAVAGE SO SCARED BEFORE
IT'S THE ALIEN FORCE AGAIN!
WOOSH!
KOOK!
KEEP TRANSMITTING YOUR SIGNAL, SAVAGE! I'VE GOT RAYDEEN LOCKED ON IT--
AND I AM GOING TO FOLLOW YOUR BEAM AT SUPERSONIC SPEED AS SOON AS I CONVERT TO
--FIREHAWK!
THREE MINUTES LATER AS CARSON ROCKETS INTO THE SCENE
MY PHOTON SPHERES DON'T EVEN FAZE HIM, CARSON!
I...DON'T...BELIEVE IT SAVAGE! THAT GUYS EVEN BIGGER THAN WE ARE
WHEN I SAID I'D NEED HELP YOU WEREN'T JUST WHISTLIN' DIXIE! I'M GONNA HIT THAT MONSTER FROM BEHIND, KNOCK 'IM
GOOD NEWS, MEGATRON - RAYDEEN HAS JUST COME INTO VIEW
YOU MAY NOW DESTROY TWO OF THE THREE SHOGUN WARRIORS AT THE SAME TIME!
MEGATRON HEARS PRIMAL ONE. MEGATRON TURNS--
SKRAASH!
CARSON--LOOK OUT!

THAT BLASTED GIANT ACTUALLY USED HIS ARM TO BLOCK MY ATTACK! I NEVER DREAMED IT COULD REACT SO FAST.
NOW THAT I KNOW BETTER, GOTTA DO SOME FAST-MOVIN' MYSELF...
...'CAUSE IF I DON'T FLIP OVER--
--AND CONVERT FROM FIREBIRD TO RAYDEEN BEFORE...
UH OH-- HE'S ALREADY ON TOP OF ME!
QUICK, CARSON! YOU HIT HIM FROM THAT SIDE WHILE I...
VZZHT
AGH-H-H!
FROOM
MEGATRON CANNOT BE HURT FROM ANY SIDE!
MEGATRON IS INVINCIBLE-- POWERED BY THE LIFE-FORCES OF THE THREE-HUNDRED WHO SERVE THE PRIMAL ONE. MEGATRON HEARS. MEGATRON OBEYS. MEGATRON TRIUMPHS!
SAVAGE! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

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ANSWER ME, SAVAGE! ARE YOU STILL OKAY--?!
KWHAM
I'M HERE, CARSON--AND I'M MAD!
THE NERVE OF YOU ALIEN FORCE LACKEYS--
--TO SAY WE'RE UNFIT--
BOOOM
--TO JOIN YOUR MONSTROUS KIND IN SPACE!
SHU-TUK
DANGARD'S ROCKET-FIST SLAMS MEGATRON, SCORING A DIRECT HIT TO HIS MID-SECTION...
...BUT THE ONLY VISIBLE EFFECT IS...
CHAKT
CH-TOKT
LOOK OUT! EVERYBODY DOWN! IT'S GETTING READY TO...
CHUH-BOOOM
MEGATRON MAKES NO JUDGMENTS. MEGATRON MERELY SERVES THE PRIMAL ONE!

I'M BEGINNING TO THINK WE'RE IN THE SOUP, SAVAGE. WHAT WOULD THE FOLLOWERS DO IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS?
MAYBE SOMETHING A WHOLE LOT SIMPLER THAN WHAT WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO DO. LISTEN...
DRONE-X-- PREPARE MEGATRON TO RECEIVE NEW ORDERS!
I HAVE CHANGED MY PLAN. RETRACT THE COMMAND TO DESTROY!
IF THAT IS YOUR WISH, PRIMAL ONE--
--WE HEAR AND OBEY... BUT...
...MEGATRON COULD DEFEAT THEM EASILY... HE IS PACKED WITH WEAPONS...!
AND HE'S HEAVY, I'LL BEAT...REAL HEAVY
HEY, MEGATRON... YOU KNOW HOW TO SWIM?
MEGATRON IS A POWERFUL FIGHTER... NOT A FISH!
THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW!
NOW, SAVAGE! HIT BACK THIS WAY FOR THE OLD SUCKER-SHOT!
SPLAM!!
THAT ROBOT OUGHTA SINKE LIKE A STONE!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT-- IT WORKED!
AS I SAID, CARSON, WHEN COMPLEX TACTICS FAIL, SOMETIMES IT'S BETTER TO GO FOR A SIMPLE MOVE...
MEGATRON--

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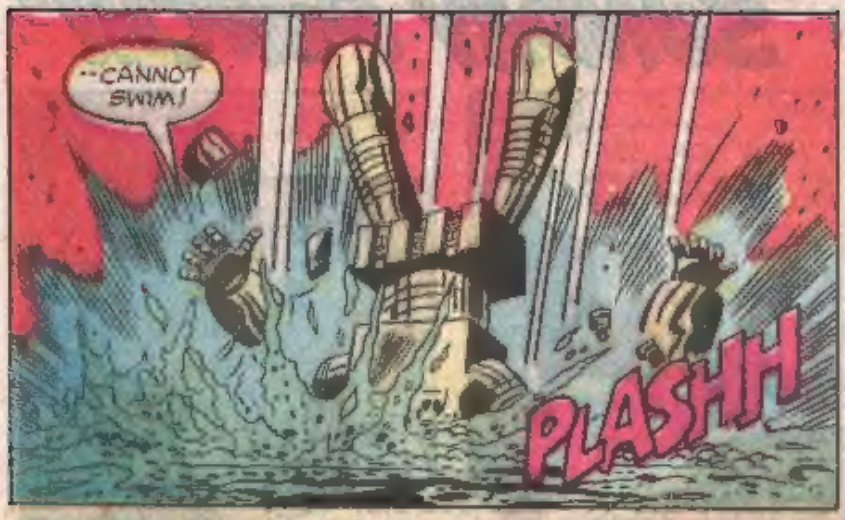
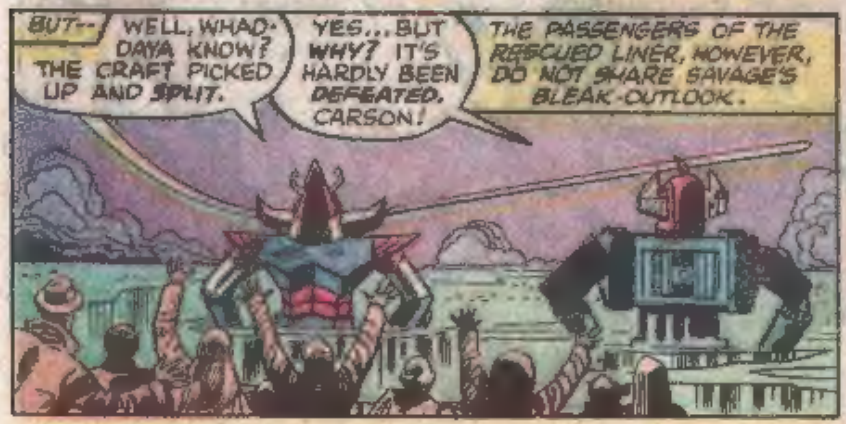
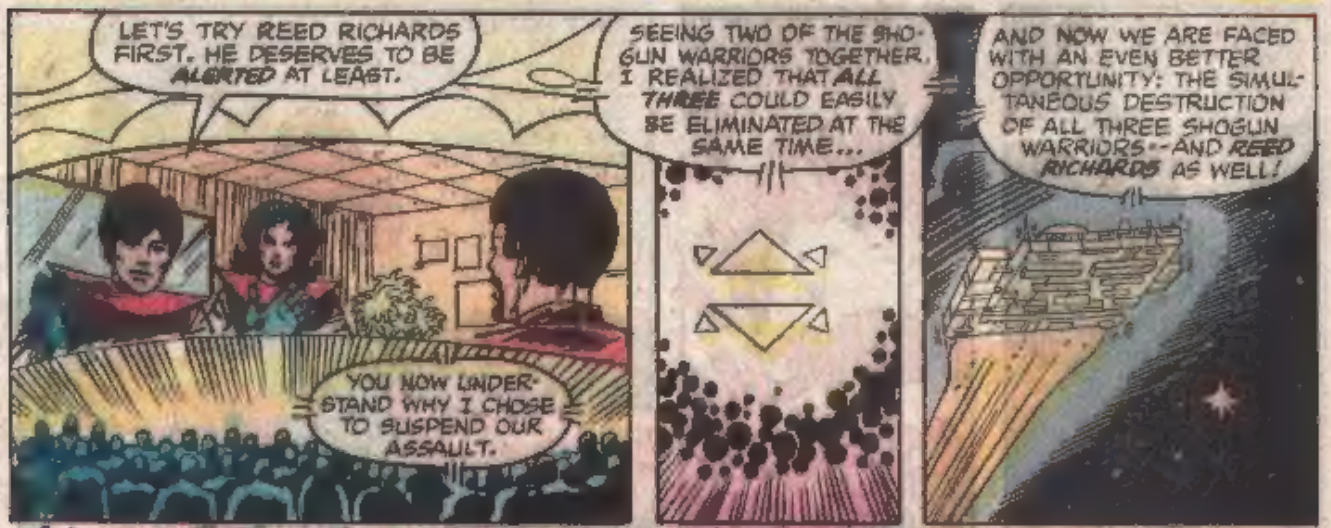


AND LATER, BACK AT CARSON'S HOME...
THEN WE'RE ALL AGREED--WE CAN'T KEEP THIS TO OURSELVES ANY LONGER. THE ALIEN FORCE IS A THREAT TO THE ENTIRE PLANET--AND BESIDES, WE NEED HELP.

YES, AND IT THREATENED TO ELIMINATE MORE THAN JUST THE SHOGUNS--PEOPLE AND GROUPS LIKE REED RICHARDS, SHIELD, TONY STARK...
THAT'S RIGHT, GENJI--AND SHOULD WE SHOGUNS FAIL, THEY'LL BE THE NEXT TARGETS IN LINE.


BUT--
WELL, WHAD-DAYA KNOW? THE CRAFT PICKED UP AND SPLIT.
YES...BUT WHY? IT'S HARDLY BEEN DEFEATED, CARSON!
THE PASSENGERS OF THE RESCUED LINER, HOWEVER, DO NOT SHARE SAVAGE'S BLEAK-OUTLOOK.


LET'S TRY REED RICHARDS FIRST. HE DESERVES TO BE ALERTED AT LEAST.
YOU NOW UNDERSTAND WHY I CHOSE TO SUSPEND OUR ASSAULT.
SEEING TWO OF THE SHOGUN WARRIORS TOGETHER, I REALIZED THAT ALL THREE COULD EASILY BE ELIMINATED AT THE SAME TIME...
AND NOW WE ARE FACED WITH AN EVEN BETTER OPPORTUNITY: THE SIMULTANEOUS DESTRUCTION OF ALL THREE SHOGUN WARRIORS--AND REED RICHARDS AS WELL!

THE GIANT OF NEW YORK!

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